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**PUBLIC INVITED TO OBSERVE/ADDRESS  
THE RESOURCE ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING  
IN SOCORRO, NEW MEXICO**

The New Mexico Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will meet in Socorro, NM on Thursday and Friday, January 25-26 at the Holiday Inn Express Conference Center, Neptune Room, 1100 California N.E., Socorro, New Mexico, 87801, starting at 8:00 am. This meeting is open to the citizens of New Mexico. The Public may address the RAC on either day on issues the RAC has under consideration.

Topics to be discussed include an overview of a project to study the impacts of fire on the urban wildland interface, and hazardous fuels reduction in the BLM Socorro Field Office managed lands. The BLM Field Office Managers statewide will present status reports on their individual operations to the RAC in the afternoon and the following day.

There will be an optional field trip on Wednesday, January 24, to tour The Box Special Management Area to visit the renowned rock climbing recreation area. Other recreational sites will be visited as well. The tour will proceed to Pelona Mountain to see how prescribed fire projects over the last 7 or 8 years minimized potentially catastrophic effects of the Chance Fire last summer. Members of the public may join the day long field trip by providing their own transportation. RAC members will be provided transportation. The trip will be organized by the Socorro Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). It will leave from the Holiday Inn Express at 8:00 am, Wednesday, January 24.

The New Mexico Resource Advisory Council was established in 1995 as a component of the BLM's rangeland management program. The New Mexico Resource Advisory Council is made up of New Mexicans who have a wide variety of viewpoints on how best to guarantee healthy public lands in the state. The Council has been meeting regularly to help the BLM develop standards for public land health and guidelines for grazing use. The RAC provides recommendations to the BLM New Mexico State Director.

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